Executive
Governor
State Departments/Agencies
• MI Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs (LARA) – all health professional, program and facility licensure
• MI Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) – population health, public sector policy and financing (physical, behavioral) and Medicaid
Executive
State Departments/Agencies continued

• MI Department of Insurance & Financial Services (DIFS) – regulates individuals and businesses in financial and insurance industries, including Michigan’s health insurance exchange
Legislative

148 elected members
  110 House
  38 Senate

Year-round (full time) Legislature

27 – 11 Republican super-majority in Senate
63 – 47 Republican majority in House

Two year session schedule

99th Legislature (2017-2018) began on January 1 and will end on December 31, 2018
Current Issues

• FY 2018-2019 State Budget
  Healthy Michigan Plan (expanded Medicaid) is fully funded, as is traditional Medicaid
  Language regarding prior authorization for certain drug classes; cancer not included in protections

• Senate Bill 823 regarding prior authorization for certain drug classes; cancer not included in protections
Current Issues

- Senate Bill 897 (Healthy Michigan Plan work/workforce engagement requirement)
- House Bill 5367, Senate Bill 492 (oral chemotherapy fairness)
- House Bill 5223 (drug pricing transparency)
- House Bill 5858 (prohibition on pharmacy gag clause)
Current Issues

• Ongoing scrutiny of medication cost and access, especially “specialty drugs”

• Biosimilars (Public Act 41 of 2018)

• Non-medical “switching” by insurers

• Insurance “accumulator” programs
Current Issues – Opioid Abuse – Executive Branch

• Governor’s Commission on Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse
  
  Executive Order 2016-15 (June 2016)
  
  17 members
  
  2 year term
  
  [Link to Executive Order]

• MAPS Overhaul/Relaunch – April 2017
Current Issues – Opioid Abuse – Legislature continued

- Mandatory distribution of information by prescriber (Public Acts 246, 250 of 2017) – effective 6/1/2018
- Increased addiction treatment options for certain patients (Public Act 253 of 2017) – effect. 3/27/2018
- Instructions to the Governor’s Commission re: recommendations for student instruction by 7/1/2018 (Public Act 254 of 2017)
Current Issues – Opioid Abuse – Legislature continued

• Development of model school curriculum on opioid drug abuse by 7/1/2019 for use beginning 2019-2020 school year (Public Act 255 of 2017)

• Required use of MAPS as permitted under federal law before prescribing/dispensing of medication assisted treatment for opioid abuse (Public Act 252 of 2017)

LARA summary of Michigan opioid laws and FAQs:

Current Issues – Opioid Abuse – Legislature continued

• Additional bills introduced: Senate Bill 802 (mandatory electronic transmittal of opioid prescription), House Bills 5152 and 5153 (non-opioid directive form); Senate Bill 824 (disposal policy for controlled substances in hospice settlements); and more …
Michigan Elections

Michigan's legislative term limits are among the strictest in the nation.

State House – 3 terms of 2 years each (6 years)
State Senate – 2 terms of 4 years each (8 years)
= 14 year lifetime limit

Approved in 1992 by constitutional amendment, affecting lawmakers sworn in after January 1, 1993
Michigan Elections

110 State House seats up for election in 2016
   42 true freshman legislators were seated in January 2017

14 US Congressional seats up for election in 2016
   2 true freshman congressmen were seated in January 2017
Michigan Elections - 2018

All constitutional officers (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General)

110 State House seats (43 open seats, primarily due to term limits)

38 State Senate seats (26 term limited, 1 currently open seat)

14 US Congressional seats (2 open seats), 1 U.S. Senator

Many potential ballot initiatives

In a presidential mid-term election
Successful advocacy must

• Include both branches of government
• Include both statutory and regulatory engagement
• Be both pro-active and reactive
• Be both strategic and properly timed

The good news: Advocacy done right, Works!
General Advocacy Tips #2 - 8

• Engage your lawmakers in district when possible
• Communicate via call or email, personal meetings, testimony
• Arrange site visits
• Be courteous
• Be timely
• Be confident
• Be coordinated
• Be persistent
General Advocacy Tips

TIP #1

PARTICIPATE!
THANK YOU!